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UM MATHEMATICS DEPT. OFFERS
PROBABILITY COURSE FOR TEACHERS
DURING SPRING QUARTER

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana mathematics department will offer a teachers' course entitled "Probability in Grades 5 to 10" during spring quarter.

Registration for the three-credit graduate or undergraduate course, listed as Math 399, section 2, will be Monday (March 25) during regular spring quarter registration in the Harry Adams Field House at UM. Classes will be conducted from 4:10-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 206 of the Math Building.

Dr. Howard E. Reinhardt, the UM mathematics professor who will teach the course, said emphasis will be on probability as a useful way of looking at the world. Attention will be focused on using and strengthening the mathematics skills that children know, rather than on introducing new skills.

The course will follow the outline suggested by the Contemporary School Mathematics Program and will feature videotapes showing Prof. Arthur Engle of the University of Southern Illinois working with 7th graders. There will be some UM undergraduates and some experienced teachers in the course.

"Classroom teachers can expect to be exposed to material that they can immediately utilize in their teaching," Reinhardt said.

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